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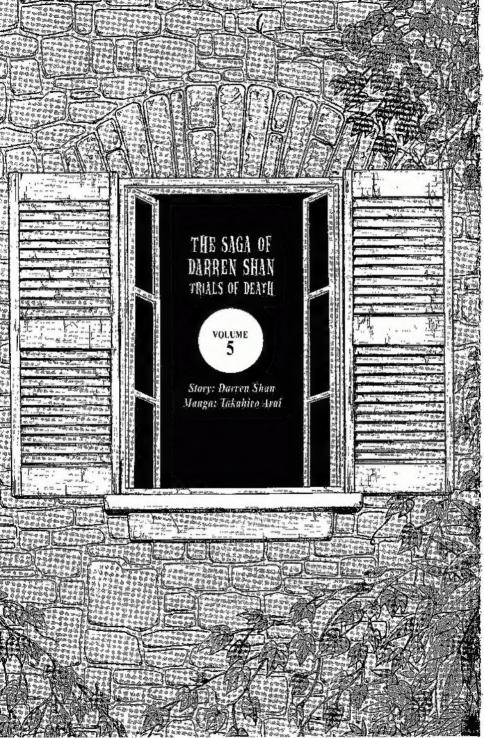


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Darren Shan must
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TRIALS DEATH



A SUMMARY OF VAMPIRE MOUNTAIN:

DARREN—ACCOMPANIED BY HIS MASTER, MR. CREPSLEY, AND THE LITTLE PERSON, HARKAT—HAS TRAVELED TO VAMPIRE MOUNTAIN, THE HEART OF THE VAMPIRE WORLD, TO ATTEND THE VAMPIRE COUNCIL, AN EVENT THAT ONLY OCCURS ONCE EVERY TWELVE YEARS. HOWEVER, THE VAMPIRE PRINCES ARE DISPLEASED WITH MR. CREPSLEY FOR BREAKING THEIR RULES AND TURNING A CHILD INTO A HALF-VAMPIRE. DARREN MUST STEEL HIMSELF FOR THE TERRIBLE TRIALS OF INITIATION TO DISPEL HIS MASTER'S SHAME AND PROVE THAT HE IS WORTHY OF BEING A VAMPIRE.

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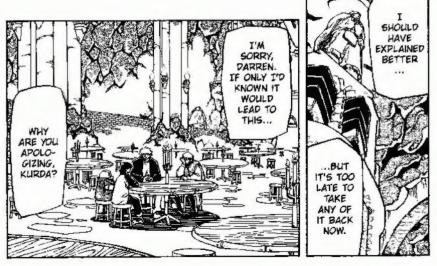








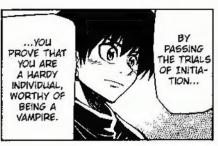




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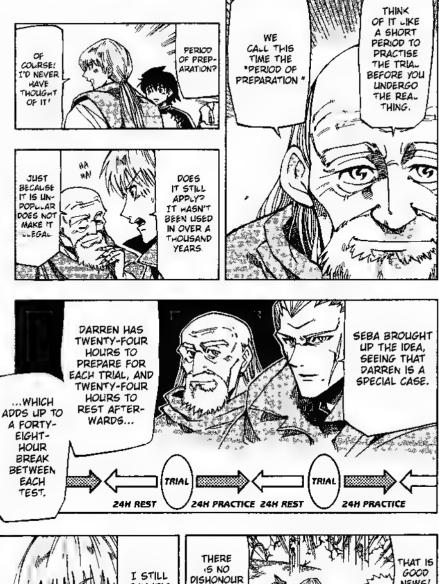










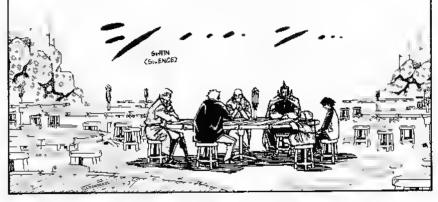


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I HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE TRIALS THREE TIMES. IF YOU NEED HELP PREPARING, CALL ON ME.













I SEE.



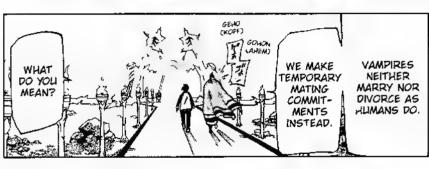






















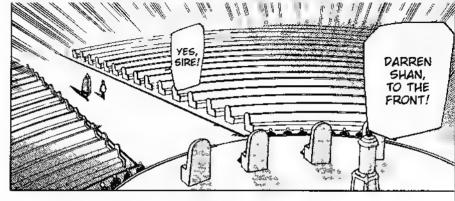








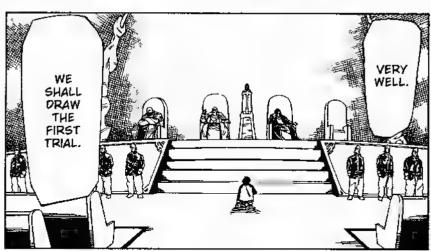
THAT'S A KINDA FUNNY THING TO LEARN...





ARE YOU
PREPARED TO
CHALLENGE
CLEANLY, FOR
THE HONOUR
OF YOUR
MASTER?





































...BUT IT'LL BE ROUGH













































YOU WERE IN THERE NEARLY TEN MINUTES AFTER THE WATER





THE BETTING... YOU...HAS DROPPED ... SINCE YOU PASSED ... THE FIRST TRIAL.

























YOU MUST TELL US OF YOUR EXPLOITS IN THE MAZE AT A LATER

TIME.

APOLOGIZI THAT THE MATTER O THE VAM-PANEZE IS PREOCCU-PYING US DARREN.

T MUST

































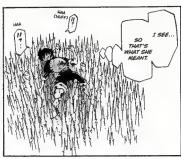


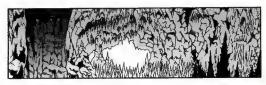














































WE JUST PASSED



HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE THE START, VANEZ?



















CON-GRATU-LATIONS! YOU MADE



NO KIDDING! THREE NIGHTS TO DRINK, BE MERRY. RECOVER, AND RELAX!!



THIS IS PERFECT TIMING. THINGS COULDN'T HAVE WORKED OUT BETTER IF WE'D PLANNED THEM.







WE























HER REFUSAL TO SHAKE MY HAND WILL HAUNT HER FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE.



I FEEL SORRY FOR HER. IT MUST BE CRUEL TO BE SO SET IN ONE'S WAYS.

I'M NO HEROIC VAMPIRE, BUT I'M NOT THE USELESS COWARD MANY THINK I AM.





I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE ANY GOOD WHEN IT CAME TO FIGHTING.



















GRAB THAT

BEAUTIFUL

SPIDER OF

LOOK AT YOUR SCRATCHES AND BRUISES ...

WE'RE GOING TO VISIT A LOCATION YOU MIGHT FIND INTERESTING. WEREN'T YOU SPEND-ING TIME MAKING A MAP, KURDA?



I THOUGHT WE COULD GO AND SEE TO YOUR ITCHING NOW.



I'D LOVE TO COME!











THEY WERE GETTING TO BE A NUISANCE. SO WE WERE FINALLY ABLE TO PUT A STOP TO THEIR ADVANCES.







WE'VE COME RATHER DEEP. IT'S PITCH-BLACK HERE...







...AFTER THE VAMPIRE WHO BROUGHT THEM HERE, IF LEGENDS ARE TO BE BELIEVED.



THESE
CREATURES
HAVE BEEN
HERE FOR
MILLENNIA.
WE CALL THEM
BA'HALEN'S
SPIDERS...

ALONE, THEY ARE HARMLESS, BUT IF THEY ATTACK IN GROUPS...

THESE SPIDERS ARE POISON-OUS.





















I ISN'T A BAD
THING
VAMPIRE
BLOOD
WAS
POISONOUS TO
NATURE?

WE HAD A TEAM OF VAMPIRES ON ROPES FLOATING DOWN TO THE BLOCKAGE TO RIP THE BODIES FREE AND SEND THEM ALONG.

BY THE GUARD-IANS OF THE BLOOD.

FIRST, THE BLOOD IS DRAINED AND THE ORGANS REMOVED







THOSE ARE
REGULAR
HUMANS THAT
LIVE AMONG
US HERE
IN VAMPIRE
MOUNTAIN.







...WILL MY PRAINED, HOLLOWED BOY BE SENT DOWN THE RIVER?











CHAPTER 39: THE THIRD TRIAL













T WHITE TO

I OVER-ESTIMATED MY OWN STRENGTH.







WITH HER HELP, YOU MIGHT PULL THROUGH, DARREN.





PICKED.









IF YOU COULD SURVIVE IN THE HALL FOR FIFTEEN MIN-UTES WITHOUT BURNING TO A CRISP, YOU WOULD PASS THE TRIAL.



LISTEN CAREFULLY. YOU HEAR THE HISSING? YOU CAN
HEAR THE
FLAMES
COMING
BEFORE
YOU SEE

YOU SEE



IT'S
WHEN
YOU
HEAR A
SHORT
WHISTLING
SOUND

THAT IS THE SOUND OF THE FLAMES PASSING NEARBY.







LIKE

THAT!























DO NOT TALK LIKE THAT! THINK POSI-TIVELY!

MR. CREPSLEY, IF I DON'T PULL THROUGH. I WANT YOU TO...



...BUT I KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT WILL BE.



I AM THINKING POSITIVE-LY ...



I'M JUST SAYING, .. AND IF I DIE, I'VE I'D LIKE YOU TO BEEN TAKE MY BODY THINK-HOME AND BURY ING IT IT IN MY GRAVE. OVER ...

THAT WAY I'LL BE CLOSE TO MUM, DAD, AND ANNIE.



MY THE LUCK OF THE VAMPIRE GODS BE WITH YOU.













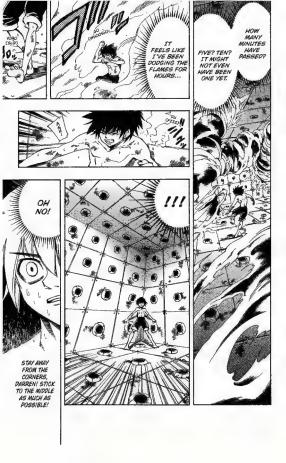


















I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE MIDDLE







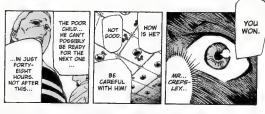
















































IF WE CARRY YOU TO THE HALL OF PRINCES, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN STAND UPRIGHT FOR A FEW MINUTES?



YOU MUST CHOOSE YOUR NEXT TRIAL OR ADMIT FAILURE AND BE CARTED AWAY FOR EXECUTION.









































A TRICKY TRIAL. ARE YOU READY FOR IT, DARREN?









I HAVE
PRESSING
BUSINESS TO
ATTEND TO
AND REGRETFULLY MUST
MISS THIS
TRIAL.





ACTUALLY,
I CAN'T GET
AWAY FROM THE
HALL TOMORROW
EITHER. THIS
VAMPANEZE
LORD BUSINESS
TAKES UP ALL
MY TIME.





THIS DOES
DARREN A GRAVE
DISSERVICE. I
MUST PROTEST
MOST STRONGLY.

TO NEGLECT YOUR POST TWICE IN THE COURSE OF ONE SET OF TRIALS IS UNPARDON-ABLE!

SIRES, YOU HAVE ALREADY SKIPPED ONE OF DARREN'S TRIALS.

















































DO YOU





TALKED
ABOUT
THE OLD
NIGHTS AND
THEIR LIFE
TOGETHER
WHEN
THEY WERE
MATES.

...THOUGH
SHE SPENT
MORE TIME
TALKING
WITH MR.
CREPSLEY
THAN ME.





YOU'RE LOOKING I'LL MUCH SEE YOU BETTER, AGAIN DARREN. SOON.









DOES IT STILL HURT, ?









... I AM THINKING OF STAYING HERE AT VAMPIRE MOUNTAIN AFTER THE COUNCIL, TO REPLACE SEBA AS THE QUARTERMASTER.



YEARS AGO, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FURTHEST THING FROM MY WISHES.





SEBA OFFERED ME THE JOB.







BUT AS MY ASSISTANT, YOU WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN HERE FOR THE NEXT THIRTY YEARS...

> ...UNTIL YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO LEAVE BY YOURSELF.







I WILL... STAY WITH YOU...IF YOU DECIDE...TO REMAIN.

> PART OF...MY MEMORY... HAS COME BACK.





MUCH

IS...

BLANK,

BUT I...





...RECALL
MR. TINY...
TELLING
ME THE
ONLY...
WAY I
COULD





BUT I WILL... STAY BY YOUR... SIDE, AS LONG... AS YOU WILL... HAVE ME.



HOW
CAN I
HELP YOU
FIND OUT
WHO YOU
WERE?



IF I STAY
HERE, I COULD
LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE
WAYS OF THE
VAMPIRES.



WE WILL DISCUSS IT AFTER YOU HAVE CONCLUDED YOUR

TRIALS.

OF COURSE.
SEBA EXPECTS
NO ANSWER
UNTIL AFTER
COUNCIL.



CAN I HAVE SOME TIME TO THINK IT OVER?

IT'S A HUGE DECISION.

NO, WHEN YOU DO.

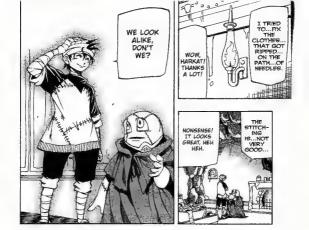




IF I CONCLUDE THEM.







YOUR

BURNS ARE...NOT

HEALED



I'LL

GIVE

IT MY





HE BRAVED A HAIL OF STALACTITES ON THE PATH OF NEEDLES...





THE HALL
OF FLAMES,
HE DEFTLY
EVADED THE
DRAUGHTS
OF HELL...

IF YOU FAIL
THIS TRIAL,
THEY'LL
MAKE OUT
THAT YOU
WERE A LAZY,
STUPID,

GOOD-FOR-NOTHING. DON'T GO
GETTING A
SWOLLEN
HEAD. EXAGGERATION
IS THE KEY
TO EVERY
LEGEND.



DID YOU HEAR THAT? THEY'RE CALLING ME A HERO!





AT LEAST THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO SAY I SNORED LIKE A BEAR.





YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME AROUND LARTEN!



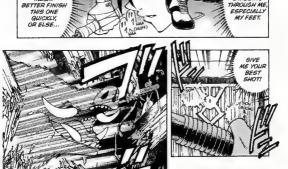






ARE GOING TO BE VICIOUS









































TH-THAT WAS CLOSE. HE COULD HAVE RIPPED A HLIGE HOLE IN ME IF HE'D GOT NEARER!

































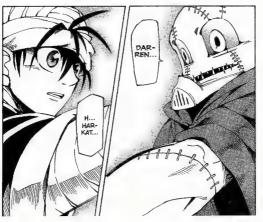








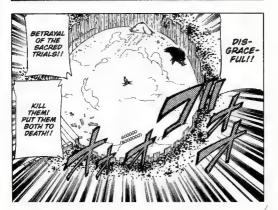








NO... BROKEN BONES?



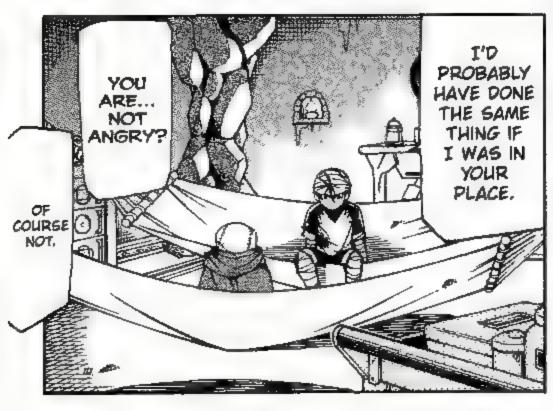


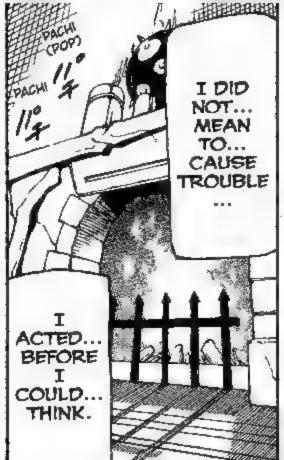














IF YOU DIE, I MIGHT... NEVER FIND OUT... WHO I USED... TO BE.



TO BE
HONEST...
I ACTED...
FOR MY
OWN
SAKE...NOT
YOURS.

















I PUT UP A BRAVE FRONT DOWN IN THE COLI-SELM ..



















IT ...































I'VE TRIED ARGUING THEM OUT OF IT. GAVNER AND VANEZ PUT THEIR CAREERS ON THE LINE TO PLEAD FOR YOU.

BUT THERE AREN'T ANY PRECEDENTS. THE LAWS ARE CLEAR.









































I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT, BUT I HEARD THE NOISE TOO!



PUR-SUERS ALREADY !?



KEEP GOING, AND I CAN PRETEND THAT THIS WAS ALL MY IDEA!

WE CAN'T MAKE IT AWAY TOGETHER!



















I DON'T LIKE THIS ONE BIT, BUT IT SEEMS I HAVE NO CHOICE.



YOU'RE RIGHT. I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU KILLED.



...BUT ONLY ON ONE CONDI-TION.



I'LL LET YOU GO...

YOU MUST ABSOLVE PARREN OF HIS SHAME! SWEAR TO ME!



ONCE YOU'RE A VAMPIRE PRINCE, YOU HAVE TO REVEAL THE TRUTH TO EVERYONE ELSE!



YOU HAVE MY WORD.





TRAIL?







FOUND.

HOW MANY HOURS DID WE SPEND IN THOSE TUNNELS? AROUND ME 1 COULD HEAR THE ECHO OF RUNNING WATER



LEFT AND RIGHT. UP AND

DOWN



YOU'LL HAVE TO TEACH ME HOW YOU CONTROL YOUR SPIDER.



CAN I COME SEE YOU PERFORM. IF YOU GET OUT SAFELY?

HA! I CAN'T WAIT!



IT WAS DURING MY TRIALS OF INITIATION, I HAD TO FIND A HIDDEN JEWEL.







THE
QUICKEST
WAY TO
THE OUTSIDE IS
ALONG
THE RIGHT
PATH!



WE'VE GOT TO FOLLOW THE MAPS. COME BACK!



TRUST ME. I KNOW WHERE I'M GOING.





I DON'T DOUBT YOUR MAPS, BUT I'VE BEEN THROUGH THAT TUNNEL BEFORE. THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO ANGRY...





WHAT'S WRONG DU'RE WITH CTING YOU? DDLY.

I CHOSE
THE ROUTE
ON THE MAP
THAT WOULD
GIVE US
THE SAFEST
MEANS OF
ESCAPE!



SORRY. THIS IS DARREN'S LIFE AT STAKE.























MY GOOD-NESS!













FORGET IT, I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY FROM SOMETHING LIKE THIS.











IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. YOU COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN.







IF THEY SPOT US, FIGHT FOR YOUR LIVES— THEN RUN LIKE HELL!



AT, AN E



I ONLY HAVE ONE KNIFE.









I FIRST
MET YOU AT
THE CIRQUE
DU FREAK,
WHAT...SIX
YEARS AGO,
WAS IT?















EVENTUALLY I HEARD VOICES, TALKING QUIETLY, LAUGHING RAUCOUSLY.













YOU WILL IF YOU HAVE ANY BRAINS

I WON'T LEAVE YOU TO FACE THEM ALONE!



YOU TWO GET OUT OF HERE. I'LL DELAY THEM AS LONG AS I CAN.





THIS TUNNEL'S NARROW. ONE PERSON CAN HOLD THEM OFF! TAKE DARREN AND BREAK FOR THE HALLS!













WAIT THERE FOR GAVNER OR ME TO CATCH UP. IF NOBODY COMES, MAKE YOUR WAY BACK TO THE HALLS ALONE!



IF WE FOLLOW THIS TUNNEL STRAIGHT, IT WILL LEAD TO THAT BURIAL CHAMBER, THE HALL OF FINAL VOYAGE!







LEAVE IMMEDIATELY, DARREN! DON'T WAIT AROUND!

TWO OF US WORKING TOGETHER STAND A BETTER CHANCE OF HOLDING THEM!







I UNDER-STAND HIS REASONS

OBVIOUSLY, **FOLLOWING** KURDA'S PLAN IS THE BEST IDEA.



HE'S ONLY IN THIS SITUATION BECAUSE HE TRIED TO HELP ME!

BUT I CAN'T LEAVE MY FRIEND BEHIND TO DIE WITHOUT EVEN RAISING A HAND TO HELP HIM!

I CAN STILL MAKE IT! I JUST HAVE TO CATCH UP TO KURDA!



SHOULD HAVE BEEN ME WHO STAYED BEHIND TO HELP GAVNER!

KURDA'S A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR PRINCE! HE'S TOO IMPORTANT TO BE HURT!































I THOUGHT FOR A MINUTE YOU WERE COMING TO HIS AID.





I WANT HIM TAKEN ALIVE. THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO TRACK HIM WITH THE STONE OF

BLOOD.

HE'S INJURED, SO HE WON'T BE HARD TO CATCH.



THERE'S A BOY UP AHEAD, A HALF-VAMPIRE. ...BUT OTHERS COULD HAVE TRACKED DOWN HIS MENTAL SIGNALS. I'D HAVE KNOCKED HIM OUT AND TAKEN HIM AWAY SOME-WHERE IF POSSIBLE...





















I KNOW THIS FEELING



























AWAY?









I DON'T CARE, I'LL KILL YOU ANYWAY,

...BUT I
DON'T THINK
YOU'D KILL AN
UNARMED MAN,
NO MATTER
WHAT HE'D
DONE.













DON'T KILL HIM, UNDER ANY CIRCUM-STANCES! COVER
ALL THE
PASSAGEWAYS THAT
LEAD UP TO
THE HALLS!



WAIT!
HE'S GOT
A WEAPON!
WE'LL HAVE
TO WEAKEN
HIM BEFORE
WE TAKE
HIM!







IF I
FOLLOW REMEM
THIS PATH, BER
IT SHOULD KLIRDA'S
TAKE ME TO MAP.
THE HALL
OF FINAL
VOYAGE! &.















BELIEVE WHAT YOU WANT... I WOULDN'T
BELIEVE
YOU IF YOU
SAID THE
WORLD WAS

YOU'RE A LIAR AND A TRAITOR.

YOU PROM-ISE...?

THINK OF ALL THE TIMES I'VE SAVED YOUR LIFE.



I KNOW YOU, DARREN. YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE.



I THOUGHT OF YOU LIKE AN OLDER BROTHER!

A BRITAN

I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOMEONE WHO WOULD CARE FOR ME AND UNDER-STAND ME.





IF BEING SAVED MEANS GIVING MYSELF UP TO SCUM LIKE YOU...

YOU DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT HONOUR OR LOYALTY.

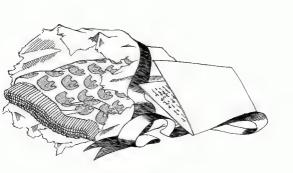
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THEN I CHOOSE DEATH.

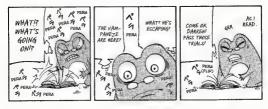


























SINCE THE NUMBER OF PAGES FOR THE MANGA IS THE SAME EVERY TIME, THE DIFFICULTY IN TURNING IT INTO COMIC WILL, VARY. JUST AS THE NUMBER OF PAGES IN A SERIES OF NOVELS CHANGES EVERY BOOK, SO DOES THE COMPLEXITY OF THE STORY.



FIRST SAM,
NOW GAVNER-ALL
OF MY FAVOURITE
CHARACTERS SEEM
TO DIE OFF
JUST WHEN I'M
GETTING USED TO

DRAWING THEM.





THE FIFTH VOLUME WAS ESPECIALLY HARD FOR ME.

BFX: KUSHA (CRUMPLE) KUBHA



THIS IS SUCH A WASTE! WHY DO I HAVE TO PACK AN ENTIRE NOVEL INTO JUST A SINGLE VOLUME OF MANGA!?



IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE STORY BEHIND GAVNER'S UNDERWEAR, CHECK OUT "AN AFFAIR OF THE NIGHT" ON DARREN SHAN'S WEBSITE.





THAT'S A BIT MORE LIKE IT. I'M SORRY, MASTER!

AND IT
WAS ONLY
POSSIBLE WITH
THE HELP
OF ALL THE
FAITHFUL
READERS.
THANK YOU

ALL



CIRQUE THE MANGA HAS REACHED FIVE VOLUMES NOW. THAT'S AN ENTIRE YEAR'S WORTH OF WEEKLY CHAPTERS.

BOOKS: CIRQUE 1, CIRQUE 2, CIRQUE 3, CIRQUE

WILL DARREN LIVE OR DIE? WHAT IS KURDA'S TRUE GOAL? FIND OUT ALL THE ANSWERS IN VOLUME 6!



THE
"VAMPIRE
MOUNTAIN
SAGA" IS
ABOUT TO
REACH ITS
CLIMAXI

The End

